

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 50**

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TO: The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Chairman, Senate Medical Affairs Committee
FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Ford PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-1-143
SUBJECT: "Trans fats" Warnings on Foods

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 50 amends Chapter 1, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-1-143 requiring retail food establishments to place conspicuous warnings notifying customers of any foods that contain or were cooked in "trans fats" (i.e., hydrogenated fats such as Crisco, lard, etc.). The Bill authorizes the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) to adopt rules and regulations regarding the signage, and to impose fines of up to \$500 for violations.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Health & Environmental Control indicates this Bill would have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds. The inspection of food warning signs could be accomplished during the routine inspections of retail food establishments.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Section 44-1-143 (C) (2) does not specify if the fines imposed are to be retained by DHEC or remitted to the State General Fund.

Approved by:



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